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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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CHEROKEE

FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 4222 ACTION STATE AUG 19.

QUOTE S E C R E T PRETORIA 4222

NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1, 2, 3

TAGS: PARM, SF

SUBJECT: FRENCH DEMARCHE ON NUCLEAR ISSUE, SECY VANCE LETTER  
TO BOTHA AND RELATED MATTERS

REF: STATE 197389, PRETORIA 4211,

1. I ASKED FRENCH AMBASSADOR SCHRICKE THIS MORNING  
WHETHER HE HAD MADE DEMARCHE. HE SAID HE HAD DONE SO  
LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH BRAND FOURIE BECAUSE  
PIK BOTHA WAS UNAVAILABLE. FOURIE, HE SAID, HAD TAKEN  
LINE THAT ALL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITY WAS FOR  
PEACEFUL PURPOSES. FOURIE ALSO ASKED FOR EVIDENCE BUT  
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DID NOT OFFER DENIAL GIVEN ME.

2. PIK BOTHA LEFT EARLY THIS MORNING FOR JOHANNESBURG  
AND CAPE TOWN. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM THROUGH  
HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE TO  
SEE HIM HERE OR IN JOHANNESBURG TO DELIVER YOUR LETTER.  
HE HAS ASKED THAT I GIVE IT TO BRAND FOURIE. I HAVE

APPOINTMENT TO DO THIS AT 1400.

3. FOR DEPT'S PLANNING PURPOSES, PM VORSTER LEFT THIS MORNING FOR CAPE TOWN. HE WILL BE THERE THROUGH MONDAY FOR NATIONAL PARTY CAUCUS TOMORROW AND OPENING OF CAPE NP CONGRESS ON MONDAY. PIK WILL BE WITH HIM IN CAPE TOWN DURING THIS PERIOD. FOR PURPOSES OF NEXT STEPS, DOES DEPT WANT ME TO PRE-POSITION MYSELF IN CAPE TOWN FOR FAST PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THEM OVER THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH MY BACK CHANNEL MESSAGE TO HABIB AND MOOSE I SENT AUGUST 17, I ASSUME THEY RECEIVED IT AND STATE IS INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING ON THIS SENSITIVE EXERCISE. I WOULD CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO DATT MESSAGE DTG 191005Z AUGUST 77.

5. DEPT PLEASE PASS LONDON AND PARIS AS APPROPRIATE.  
BOWDLER UNQUOTE VANCE

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